



# The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine

## A Special Ecumenical Service

May 17, 1945

8:15 p.m.

*This Service is held by invitation of the Bishop of New York to  
the American Committees for the World Council of Churches  
and the World's Student Christian Federation.*

### Order of Service

*¶ The congregation will stand as the Processions enter, and  
remain standing through to the end of the Invocation*

HYMN 480

*Duke Street*

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| JESUS shall reign where'er the sun<br>Doth his successive journeys run;<br>His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,<br>Till moons shall wax and wane no more. | 3 People and realms of every tongue<br>Dwell on his love with sweetest song;<br>And infant voices shall proclaim<br>Their early blessings on his Name.  |
| 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,<br>And praises throng to crown his head;<br>His Name like sweet perfume shall rise<br>With every morning sacrifice.    | 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;<br>The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,<br>The weary find eternal rest,<br>And all the sons of want are blest. |
| 5 Let every creature rise and bring<br>Peculiar honours to our King;<br>Angels descend with songs again,<br>And earth repeat the loud Amen. Amen.             |   |



## INVOCATION

HIS GRACE THE RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP IRINEY OF DALMATIA

## THE LESSON

*read by* THE REVEREND JOSEPH N. SIZOO, D.D.

Vice-President of the Protestant Council

¶ *The congregation will stand and sing the following hymn, and remain standing through to the end of the prayers*

## HYMN 492

*Festal Song*

RISE up, O men of God!  
Have done with lesser things,  
Give heart, and soul, and mind, and strength  
To serve the King of Kings.

2 Rise up, O men of God!  
His kingdom tarries long.  
Bring in the day of brotherhood  
And end the night of wrong.

3 Lift high the cross of Christ!  
Tread where his feet have trod.  
As brothers of the Son of man,  
Rise up, O men of God! Amen.

## PRAYER

THE REVEREND BENJAMIN E. MAYS, PH.D., D.D.

Vice-President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

## PRAYER

THE REVEREND DOUGLAS HORTON, D.D., LL.D.

Chairman of the American Committee for the World Council of Churches

¶ *Following the prayers the congregation will be seated*

## PRESENTATION OF SPEAKERS

JOHN R. MOTT, LL.D.

Vice-Chairman of the World Council of Churches

## ADDRESSES

THE LORD BISHOP OF CHICHESTER

THE REVEREND W. A. VISSER 'T HOOFT, PH.D., D.D.



¶ *The congregation will stand and sing*

HYMN 436

*Hesperus*

- O GOD of love, O King of peace,  
Make wars throughout the world to cease,  
The wrath of sinful man restrain,  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- 2 Remember, Lord, thy works of old,  
The wonders that our fathers told;  
Remember not our sin's dark stain,  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

- 3 Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?  
Where rest but on thy faithful word?  
None ever called on thee in vain,  
Give peace, O God, give peace again!
- 4 Where saints and angels dwell above,  
All hearts are knit in holy love;  
O bind us in that heavenly chain!  
Give peace, O God! give peace again!  
Amen.

ADDRESS

THE REVEREND MARC BOEGNER, Dr. Theol.

¶ *The congregation will stand and sing this hymn, and  
remain standing for the Blessing*

HYMN 445

*St. Anne.*

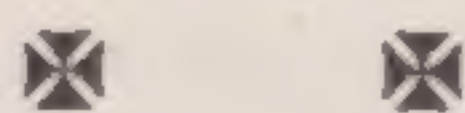
- O GOD, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast  
And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our Guide while life shall last,  
And our eternal home. Amen.

BLESSING

THE RIGHT REVEREND CHARLES K. GILBERT, S.T.D.  
Suffragan Bishop of New York

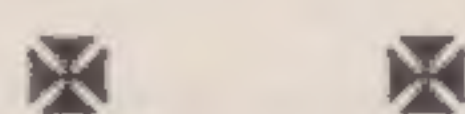
¶ *It is requested that the congregation remain in place until the Processions have left the  
Cathedral.*



The Service is held in cooperation with

The American Bible Society  
The Federal Council of the Churches  
of Christ in America  
The Foreign Missions Conference  
of North America  
The International Council of Religious  
Education

The International Missionary Council  
The Protestant Council of New York  
The United Council of Church Women  
The World's Sunday School Association  
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USHERS WILL BE STATIONED AT THE EXITS TO RECEIVE THE PEOPLES'  
ALMS FOR THE WORK OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.



THE RIGHT REVEREND GEORGE KENNEDY ALLEN BELL, D.D., LORD BISHOP OF CHICHESTER. Born 1883; son of Canon J. Allen Bell; educated at Westminster School, and Christ Church, Oxford. He began his ministry as a curate at Leeds in 1907, and at the same time was a lecturer in the Classics in English at Christ Church, Oxford, to which he transferred his full-time activities in 1910. In 1916 he became resident chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury; in 1924 he became Dean of Canterbury. Five years later, he became Bishop of Chichester and a member of the House of Lords. In his early years he was an active leader of the Universal Christian Council and became its president in 1938. He was one of the historians of the Stockholm Conference and the subsequent movement leading toward the World Council. The Bishop is a member of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches, an active leader of the British Council of Churches, and founder of the Christian Council for Refugees in England.

THE REVEREND MARC BOEGNER, Dr. Theol. Born in Epinal, Vosges, France in 1881. Educated at the Lycée of Orléans and later in Paris; studied law at the Faculty of Law in Paris and was licensed in 1901. In 1904 took his Bachelor's Degree at the Faculty of Theology in Paris and received his license to preach, becoming a Doctor of Theology in 1926. From 1909 to 1911, he was pastor of the famous Church of the Reformation, D'Aouste. He was for seven years Professor of Theology at the Evangelical Society of Missions in Paris. Dr. Boegner is President of the Reformed Church of France, pastor of the Church of Passy, Paris. He was the outstanding leader of the spiritual resistance during the period of occupation and was repeatedly threatened with deportation. Nevertheless, he refused to compromise with the Nazis or Vichy and held steadfast to his convictions. Dr. Boegner comes to this country as chairman of the Administrative Committee of the World Council of Churches, and one of the three vice-chairmen of the Provisional Committee.

THE REVEREND W. A. VISSER 'T HOOFT, Ph.D., D.D., Born in Haarlem, Holland, in 1900. He took his major education in Holland and received his Doctorate from the University of Leiden in 1928. After special studies in America, during which he wrote the book entitled "The Background of the Social Gospel in America," he became secretary of the World's Committee of the Y. M. C. A., and later, general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation. From that post he was called to the general secretaryship of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches in 1938, and in the same year was elected president of the World's Student Christian Federation. Dr. Visser 't Hooft was a prominent member of the World Conferences at Oxford and Edinburgh in 1937; Madras, 1938; Amsterdam, 1938. He has recently visited Liberated Holland and France for consultations with leaders of the churches.

THE RIGHT REVEREND DR. IRINEY, ORTHODOX BISHOP OF DALMATIA. Bishop Iriney is well-known throughout the Balkans and in Greece, and is an outstanding authority on church history, both Anglican and Orthodox. He is a graduate of Oxford University. He is the organizer and the president of the Society of the British and Anglo-American Friends of Yugoslavia; and the vice-president of the Anglican and Eastern Orthodox Churches Association, of which the late Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, was the first president. Bishop Iriney is visiting this country at the invitation of the Episcopal Church and of the World Council of Churches, in the interest of closer cooperation between the churches.